

Memo to - STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

2000 IN SHELL AND EGG PULP EXPORTS.
The Hon. the Chief Secretary.compiled by the Government Statist from returns specially collected
from Exporting Merchants.WHEAT HARVEST, 1938-39 - OCTOBER ESTIMATE.

GRAIN TOTAL EXPORTS for each of the years 1933-34 to 1937-38 were
respectively £755,000, £1,000,000, £1,200,000, £1,300,000, £1,400,000 and £1,500,000 for
1938-39. Any estimate based on conditions early in the season
must of necessity be open to a wide margin of error.

As is usual, reports have been received dealing with
conditions in each of the main wheat producing hundreds (over 300)
but it is very difficult this year to make a definite estimate.
There has been no general rain for about 2 months, and from the
reports it is difficult to gauge the effect of the continuing
dry spell and the several days of hot winds.

The following are the principal facts culled from the
reports - the details for 1937-38 and 1936-37.

1. A larger area will be cut for hay due to the demand
for fodder in this and other States. Egg Pulp Total
Value

State 2. Some of the better crops will be cut for hay, with
the effect of decreasing the State average yield of grain per
acre. (Ex.B.H.) 603,807 37,474 1,532,652 71,741 109,215

3. The early crops on fallow have been standing up remarkably well, and most districts report that an early rain would improve such crops. 92,155 6,247 1,055,984 47,589 53,976

4. Other districts report that it is doubtful whether rain would now be of as much benefit as would cool weather.

5. Late crops, and on stubble, are deteriorating very rapidly. In the marginal areas many of them are failures and others are being fed off so that they may be some little use.

6. The late crops that have so far withstood the dry spell would be improved by an early rain. 240 8,029 76,454

7. Hot weather, with winds, will further lessen yields.

The reports received may be unduly pessimistic, but on present conditions they only indicate a yield of approximately 28,000,000 bushels from 3,065,000 acres. 612 121,586 332,750

increase or decrease -1,591,379 -71,331 -339,268 30,433 -40,898

2000 received by the Exporting Statistical Office, dozen value £370,000, the balance of ADELAIDE. 2,500,000 dozen being local sales.

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